



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

YOUTH COMMISSION

Commission Meeting Minutes **January 24th 2011**

The Youth Commission of the City of San José convened in regular session on January 24th, 2011 in the City Council Chambers of San José City Hall at 6:00p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Ong, Tang, Chung, Aldama, Dhaliwal, Stromfeld
and Khan

Late: Forooghi, Heng, Carrera

Absent: none

II. APPROVAL OF MINTUES

The October meeting minutes are to be approved at the February Youth Commission Training.

III. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

None

Moved: To move informational items after Liaison reports.

M/S Commissioner Ong / Commissioner Aldama.

Ayes: All

IV ORAL COMMUNICATION

Servando Perez with the Anti-Graffiti and Litter program came to inform the commission about the Great American Litter Pick Up happening on March 19th 2011. Servando asked for the Commission's support by having each YAC and/or Commissioner take part in their district's respective project. In doing so, the Youth Commission would become a sponsor of the Great American Litter Pick Up, it was deiced that at least 6 Commissioners need to participate at minimum.

Moved: The Youth Commission become a sponsor of the 2011 Great American Little Pick up by having at least 6 YACs participate in the day.

M/S Commissioner Tang / Commissioner Aldama.

Ayes: All

Leon B. from the SJ2020 initiative came to update the Commissioners on what the next steps were to gather youth input for the SJ2020 initiative. Leon mentioned that they would like the Youth Commission's support in handing out a survey to students across San Jose. A teen forum would be held in April to gather input and work with CreaTV to create a video that highlights some of the recommendations. Commissioner Khan asked about the SJ2020 presentation at the Youth Conference. Leon reported that members of SJ2020 will present the data from the surveys at the conference and then engage youth in conversations around SJ2020.

Steven Klein from Friends of the Libraries came to talk to the Commission about his concerns about the budget cuts and how it would affect the Bascom Library. Steven reported that they are looking to have a contest for youth focused on the theme of "what my library means to me" entries do not have to be solely written entries. He gave some preliminary timelines for the contest and ask the Commission to help spread the word.

V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

(Information Only)

Armando Gomez from the Mayor's office invited the Commissioners to attend the State of the City Address; he encouraged the Commission to get involved in the community based budget process. He informed the Commission about the timeline for several community input meetings. He also encouraged the Commission to attend the Budget Priority setting session on January 29th.

Councilmember Rocha addressed the Commission, he introduced himself to the Commission, he said that he was looking forward to the Youth Conference and that either himself or a member of his office would be attending the Youth Commission meetings from now on.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

(Information Only)

SJPD was not present to report.

Carol DaSilva from the San Jose Public Library reported that the library will be having its 4th annual Battle of the Band contest. Entries are for students ages 12-18 and entries are due by February 19th. Students can use recording equipment from the West Evergreen, Santa Teresa or Rose garden libraries. Online voting takes place from February 23-March 5th. The final contestants will perform on March 19th at the Almaden Library. There will be cash prizes for the top 3 winners. She also reported that the library has an online tutoring program for youth K-2nd year in college. She referred them to the website for more information.

Human Rights Commission was not present to report.

Commissioner Aldama reported on behalf of the Neighborhood Commission. She reported that the Commission was working on making recommendations for the budget setting sessions. She also reported that they were working on tree planting and removal policies. They are also looking to fill their empty vacancies.

Commissioner Khan reported on behalf of the Park and Recreation Commission. She reported that the Bascom Library in district six is scheduled to open fall of this year. She also reported

that the Commission is looking into allocating funds for a new ball park and working on fixing some trails.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Judge Cornell from the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) office informed the Commission about the IPA office, its duties and purpose. She outlined the 4 goals of the IPA office and indicated that Youth was a priority for the IPA office in the 2011/12 year. She reported that she is working with Commission Staff to create a Teen Advisory Group for the IPA office. The teen advisory group would make recommendations to the IPA on how to outreach to youth, they would also make recommendations on what youth-related issues to look at. The IPA office is looking for 1 teen per district and 5 at large positions to compose the advisory group. Judge Cornell noted that she is looking for students who “tend to fly under the radar”, the application process should be opening in February and the ideal timeline is to have the advisory group ready to go in April. Judge Cornell asked the Youth Commission to help by spreading to word on campus.

Gabrielle Antolovich from Voices United addressed the Commission about some updates on the Social Host Ordinance. She showed a slideshow the highlighted the history of how the ordinance came about, where the ordinance stands with the City Council, and the teen forum that took place at the Mayfair Community Center. Gabrielle encouraged the Commission to continue to be involved by hosting a forum in their respective districts.

VIII. AD HOC WORKING TEAMS REPORTS

(Information Only)

Commissioner Stromfeld reported on behalf of the Bill of Responsibilities group. He reported that Commissioners were currently working on teen forums in their districts in order to gather input from teens on the document. Commissioner Ong also reminded the Commission that the data from their teen forums is due On February 13th.

Commissioner Ong reported on behalf of the events group. She reported that the Youth Commission will be hosting its 4th annual city-wide conference of Friday March 18th 2011 at City Hall. The Commission has been separated into committees and they hope to have 150 students attend.

Commissioner Khan reported on behalf of the re-use group. She reported that Rudy Navarro is retiring so Ed Solis will be the new staff member working on the re-use program. She also reported that they hope to work with Ed to continue to talk to service providers who want to rent out the teens centers to ensure that they are offering service for teens.

Commissioner Ong reported on behalf of the Executive Board. She reported that the board had met to review all of the document, work plans and project proposals that were submitted to the Youth Commissioner meeting.

IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commission Reports were deferred to the Youth Commission February Training due to time.

X. ACTION ITEMS

a.) Approving District 5 specific work plan

Commissioner Heng reviewed her 5 strategic goals. There was a recommendation to change NAC to Neighborhood Association. Another recommendation to change “every week” to “every other week.”

Moved: Approve the D5 work plan with revisions.

M/S Commissioner Aldama / Commissioner Tang.

Ayes: All

b.) Approve the D2 specific work plan.

Commissioner Chung reviewed her 5 strategic goals. There was a recommendation to change “every week” to “every other week.” Another recommendation to remove “every two months” from 3 of her goals.

Moved: Approve the D2 work plan with revisions.

M/S Commissioner Aldama / Commissioner Dhaliwal.
All

Ayes:

c.) Approve the D2 Project Proposal

Commissioner Chung gave a brief over-view of the project proposal for a district dance in collaboration with the Key and Interact clubs at Oak Grove High School. Recommendation to review the goals and write objectives as SMART goals. Questions about how much would be charged, how much of proceeds would go to the non-profit.

Moved: To defer the approval of the D2 project proposal to the February Training.

M/S Commissioner Tang / Commissioner Khan **Ayes:** All

d.) Approve District 2 letter to council

Commissioners Chung informed the Commission of the content and purpose of writing the letter to the Council office. The Commission praised Commissioner Chung on how well written the letter was.

Moved: To approve the District 2 letter to Council.

M/S Commissioner Forooghi/ Commissioner Tang **Ayes:** All

e.) Approve Youth Conference t-shirt design

Commissioners discussed the design on the conference t-shirts. Questions about color choice but decision were deferred to another date. Commission agreed that the concept was good.

Moved: To approve the general design of the t-shirts for the conference.

M/S Commissioner Tang/ Commissioner Carrera **Ayes:** All

f.) Approve project proposal for Youth Commission city-wide conference

Commissioner Ong reported that the project proposal goals needed to be updated since changes have been made to the conference after the proposal was written.

Moved: To defer the approval of the Youth Conference project proposal to the February Youth Commission Training.

M/S Commissioner Dhaliwal / Commissioner Aldama **Ayes:** All

Commissioner Ong then noted that 3 items were turned in after the deadline. She asked Commissioners to please state why the items were late and if they wanted to ask for the item to be placed in the agenda.

Commissioner Stromfeld requested to defer the approval of the D9 project proposal to the February Training.

Commissioner Forooghi requested to defer the approval of the D10 work plan to the February Training.

Commissioner Dhaliwal requested to defer the approval of the D8 work plan to the February Training.

XI STAFF REPORTS

(Information Item)

a.) Budget Priority Session

Staff informed the Commission that they needed to register for this event no later than tomorrow afternoon. Staff also clarified the role Youth Commissioners and YAC members will play in this event.

b.) After-School Collaborative

Staff informed the Commission of a meeting they attended. Staff informed the group about the Youth Commission and what they do. There is an opportunity to go to Sacramento to talk to the Governor about the importance of after school programs.

c.) County of Santa Clara, D5 Suicide prevention strategic plan

Staff informed the Commission that the group has asked Commission Staff to be part of the steering committee for this plan. It was also reported that there was an open position for a youth.

c.) Upcoming Deadlines

Staff informed the Commission about the upcoming deadlines for the Youth Conference.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm by Commission Chair Ong.